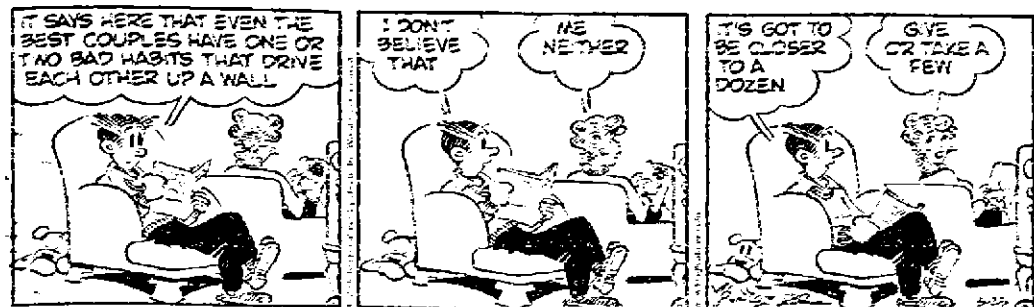


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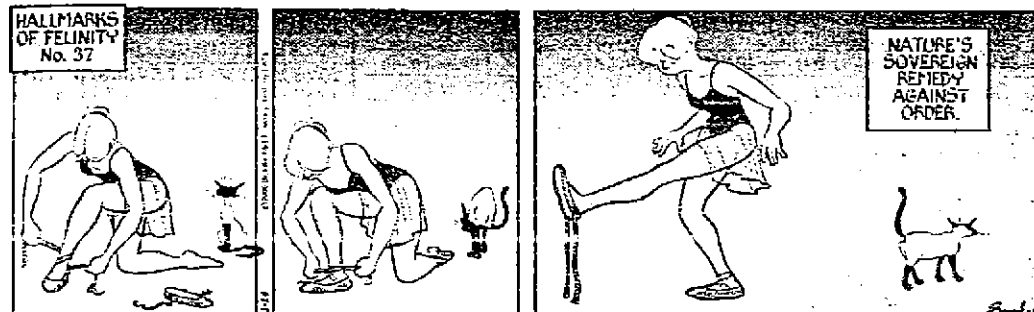
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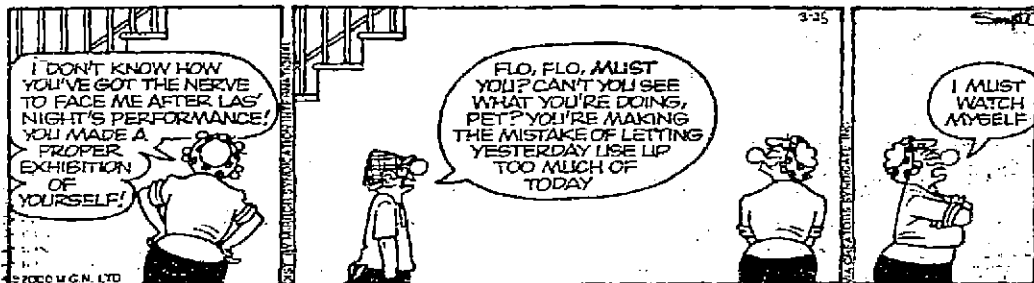
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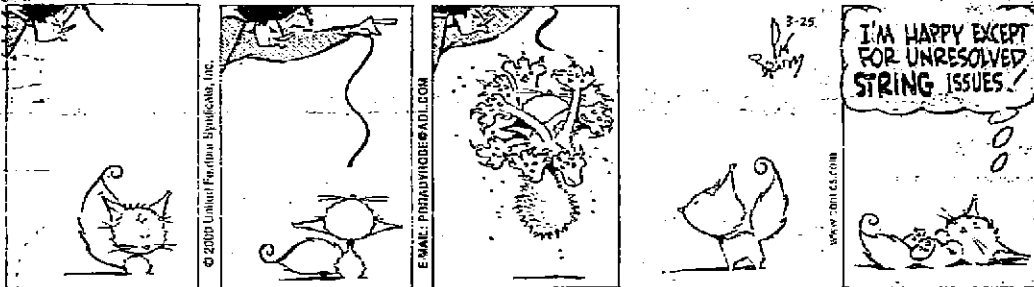
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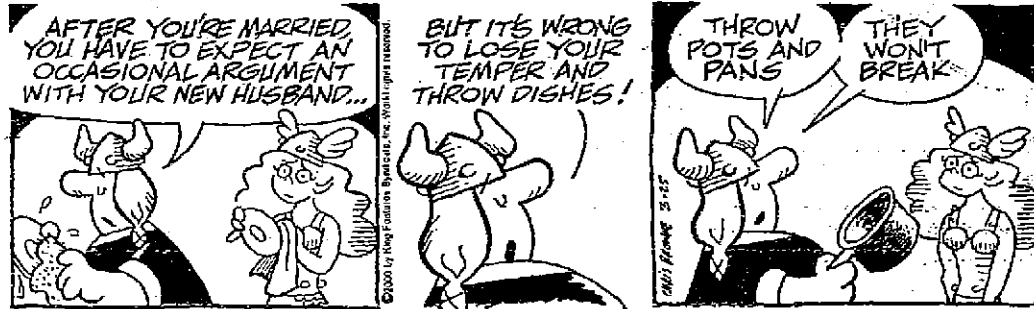
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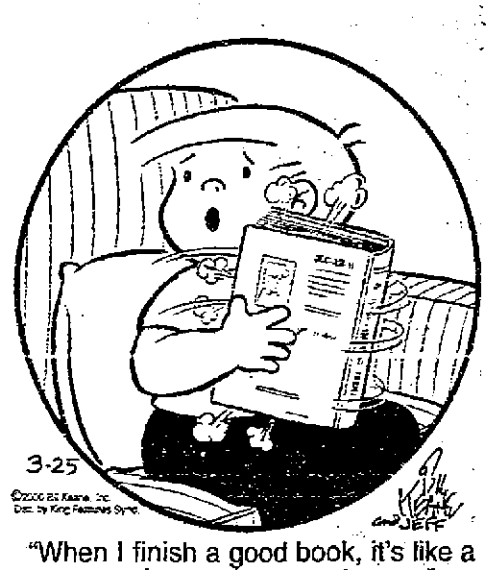
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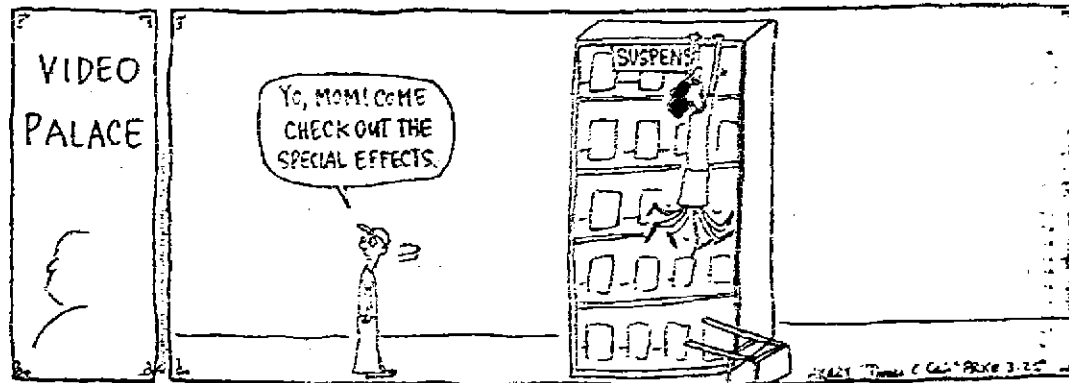
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 78. Former astronaut James Lovell is 72. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 68. Feminist author Gloria Steinem is 66. Singer Anita Bryant is 60. Singer Aretha Franklin is 58. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 57. Singer Elton John is 53. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 52. Singer Nick Lowe is 51. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 47. Actor James McDaniel is 42.

I NEED HELP



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C	G	O	H	I	L	N	3rd Letter Double
O	R	T	L	E	S		
O	S	N	M	I			Double Word Score
A	T	Y	M	N	I	L	4th Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 95-105
by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Higher words get 50-point bonus. (Star is used as any letter having no point value. As John's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW. Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-25-00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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WORD SLEUTH

—ORDER

J V S P M J H E B Y S V T O Q
O L I G D B Y W T R U P G T M
K I R D B S Y W U S O N Q L O
M K A L P H A B E T I C A L M
I F D N Y O B Z E D G X W A U
S Q O N E R S D N L I J R C L
H F D C N T A A A M L K Y I T
W V T S O M T Q A P E N M G R
L K I P M S H I F T R I E O U
C B Z Y W V L A R U T A N L O
U S R Q P N D N A W A L M L C

Friday's unlisted clue: CASTLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: A — ORDER COOK

Alphabetical	Limit	Market	Standing
Call to	Logical	Money	Stop
Court	Made to	Natural	Written
Law and	Mail	Religious	

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, March 26

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be the first person to discover something new and truly amazing today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking a financial risk isn't advised today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You communicate on a much deeper level today than normal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You've been helping everyone else so much lately that you've forgotten about yourself.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Expect your romantic life to get a jolt of electricity today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your mind is racing a mile a minute, but your body doesn't seem to have the energy to keep up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An open mind is your best accessory today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Getting caught up in a crowd mentality is a danger for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You find yourself surrounded by wonderful friends and family members.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Make sure you know the difference between reality and fantasy today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Go with the flow until you can find some time for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Legal trouble is a possibility, so lay low.

AGES

By Bobby Wolff

Since the game is hopeless unless the club finesse wins, an impulsive South wins his diamond ace and cashes the queen and ace of trumps before trying the club finesse. It wins, and South returns to his trump king to repeat the finesse. He sheds one loser on dummy's club ace, but it doesn't help. However he might struggle, he must lose four tricks in spades and diamonds for one down. Another approach is to cash only the trump 10 before taking the club finesse. When it wins, South over-takes a trump and repeats the finesse. Now he must be careful. If he tries to cash dummy's ace, East's ruff defeats the game. South has four losers whether or not he overruffs. The conservative play is best. After cashing his trump 10 and winning a club finesse, South leads a trump to his ace and repeats the club finesse. However, instead of cashing the club ace, he leads a low club and ruffs it. A trump remains in dummy to reach the high clubs, and South can claim his 10 winners. Note that the conservative plan will cost an overtrick if clubs split 3-3. However, with a game at stake, why worry about the possibility of losing an overtrick?

NORTH 60-50 A	
♠ Q 5	
♥ Q J 9	
♦ 6 3	
♣ A Q J 9 5	

EAST	
♠ K 10 7 3	
♥ 5 4 2	
♦ K Q 8 2	
♣ 4 3	

SOUTH	
♠ J 6 2	
♥ A K 10 8 7	
♦ A 7 6	
♣ 7 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

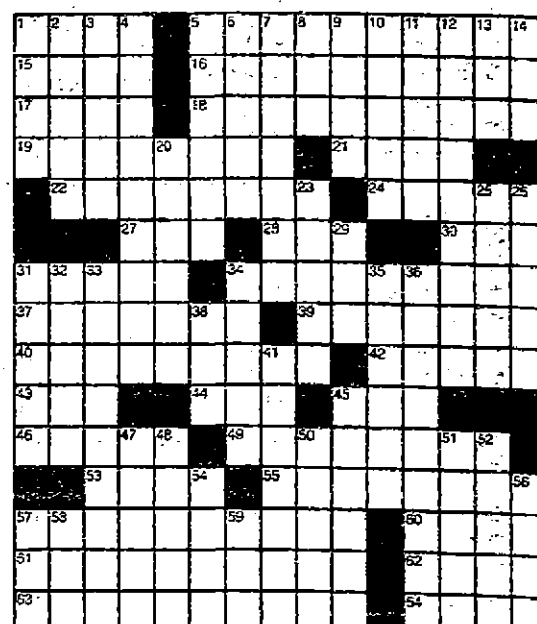
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0212

- ACROSS
- 1 "Tobemory" writer
- 5 Reason to wear a hat
- 15 Alliance County college
- 16 Operating room assistant
- 17 One greeted with a "howdy"
- 18 Miumuu, e.g.
- 19 Where elders grow older?
- 21 Old West command
- 22 Pioneer in Surrealism
- 24 Military supply route of the 40's
- 27 Tube top
- 28 Big name in home selling
- 30 Longtime Met basso Berberian
- 31 Schindler's "Schindler's List"
- 34 Laundry item
- 37 Cursed
- 39 Highlight
- 40 Get ready to forward
- 42 Like Manhattan clam chowder
- 43 Trouble
- 44 Pride: lion's clowder
- 45 Abbr. found in directions
- 46 C-
- 49 Port Stanley locale
- 53 Braddock beat him to become heavyweight champ
- 55 Tiger Beat topic
- 57 Unfathomably long time
- 60 Account
- DOWN
- 1 Number after six
- 2 Eye-opener?
- 3 Divided land
- 4 Speaker's prop
- 5 C substitute
- 6 Item buried in a lawn
- 7 It's used to make rolls
- 8 Czech martyr Jan
- 9 Lying, maybe
- 10 Chief Vedic god
- 11 Like 63-Across, usually
- 12 Sitcom star since 1995
- 13 Lunkhead
- 14 When said three times, a 1938 Cole Porter tune
- 20 Intimidating
- 23 Lock
- 25 "Without Windows" (1964 Broadway song)
- 26 Help around the house
- 29 "That's nice"
- 31 "Hamlet" courtier
- 32 Great
- 33 Certain airline symbol
- 34 Lift

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AMEERS CHARGED
LABRATS AMILNE
#TONGUE PRIMATE
TAN UNIFIED MOP
ODIE KITS COME
NOTSO OVA RUBS
RETRO ELMHURST
EZRA POEM
SIRLOINS TABLIA
EMIL DAR PLATO
CAPE LACE ETTU
EGO JUNKMEN TAT
DISGUST ATOMIC
ENTENTE PANACHE
SEERESS LEVEED



- 51 Part of an address before and after "Falls"
- 52 Ancient Greek dialect: Var.
- 53 1979 nuclear accident site: Abbr.
- 54 Cambodian money
- 55 Fire sign people
- 56 A way to know
- 57 Kind of service
- 58 1979 nuclear accident site: Abbr.

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